## Cleveland's Veteran First Baseman May Be Seen With Nationals If Deal Succeeds

## GEORGE STOVALL MAY COME HERE

Charlie Somers May Accept Offer for Veteran First Baseman and Season May Find Him Guarding Cushion at Florida Avenue—Griff in Chicago.

That George Stovall, the former Cleveland manager, may be a member of the Washington ball club within the next couple of days is a report com ing from Chicago, where the owners

Before leaving home for Chicago President Somers, of the Naps, said that he had under advisement offers from four clubs for the services of the big first baseman, and the opinion is that Washington is among the teams that have made propositions.

It is an open secret that Clark Griffith is most anxious to land a man for first base who has enough ability, both as a fielder and as a hitter, to insure a strengthening of the first corner in the

Stovall has written the Cleveland officials expressing his willingness to try hard under the management of Harry Davis, but when it is recalled that Stovall was very indignant when Davis was named as his successor, the Naps are willing to part with the player if any other club makes an attractive

In Lonely Majesty.

Miss Lina Lindig, secretary to the manager, is today sole guardian of the headquarters of the Washington ball club, while Clark Griffith is in Chicago mingling with magnates, hoping to be able to put through some sort of a deal that might strengthen the Nationals. "I had not intended attending the

meeting in Chicago, but when I reconsidered I thought that there might be something doing, so I decided to go," Griffith said before leaving here yes-

"I haven't any deals figured out, but

Start This Week

The shortness of time remaining before the call of the diamond will be fore the call of the diamond will be abroad in the land is indicated by the fact that before the dawn of another week the invasion of the Southland will be under way, with the New York Nationals as the vanguard. Within three weeks every one of the sixteen major weeks every one of the sixteen major league clubs will have pitched their training camps, and the work of prepar-

REMENAS IS GREAT

Have Taken the Butte

Boy.

er, from Butte, Mont.

**Del Howard Retires** 

Taking to Golf.

National League, New York.

rounds, at Rochester, N. Y.

12 rounds, at Holyoke, Mass.

bile show at Grand Rapids, Mich.

covering the transaction. Brown does not want to play with the Cubs, but would be welcomed to the Phillies. Show Surprise.

Considerable surprise is being ex pressed in Cleveland by the announcement that Harry Davis will not wear a miform next summer, but will handle his Naps from the bench. Should his

his Naps from the bench. Should his regular first baseman be injured, Davis will don the spangles, but otherwise he will emulate his distinguished developer, C. Mack, and remain seated during the struggles at home and on the road.

The two major leagues have nothing on the outlaws when it comes to meetings. While the American is in session at Chicago and the National at New York, the other patriotically named circuit—the United States—will deliberate over its plans in Cleveland.

Fifteen of the sixteen big league man-agers have seen service in the Nalonal League. The one exception is

An appropriate title for the big vol-ume required to give all the winter sayings attributed to baseball managers would be "The Book of Platitudes.

Some people have the inside baseball germ so virulently that they think each separate blade of grass Hughey Jen-

nings picks is some sort of signal. Include Theodore Breitenstein with Co Young and the brook. Breit has been playing steadily since 1891, and in that time the iron southpaw has won 3/2

games and lost 251. John Heydler will nyade the Florida golf links in March, and expects to bring home a few cups. He has two full sets of clubs, from steel-shanked drivers to Louisville sluggers, and has become so swollen with pride over his game that he avers he can beat Bar-ney Dreyfuss.

ey Dreyfuss. Curious the changes which take plac am open to any sort of a proposition that might help us out. You know it's pretty late now, and nothing may happen, but I will be on the job, sort of hoping against hope."

in a player's ability during the winter. First Baseman Danzig, of the Pacific Coast League, was good enough for St. Louis Browns to corral him; yet now he has been sold to Chattanooga, which is in a class below the Pacific coast complexition. organization.

Billy Murray tells of an incident which shows the utter helplessness of some

President Tarrell, of the National Association, had an amusing letter from ball player. The latter wrote to this ation will be on in earnest. The seasons for the championships open two months from last Saturday.

One of the deals that will appeal especially to followers of the National League and which may be consummated at the league meeting in New York tomorrow is the proposed transfer of "Three Finger" Brown from Chicago to Philadelphia. Horace Fogel and Charles Murphy, the two talkative magnates, are said to have reached an agreement of the deals that will appeal especially to followers of the National League which may be consummated that it had been paid in full. The next year I thought I had nine more days pay coming than I received, but again the league meeting in New York towards when George Vanderbeck was in the days when George vanderbeck was in the days and has in recent years captained the Los Angeles club, has become an expert golfer on the coast.

"Golf is a harder game than a person would imagine just by looking at it," said Dillon, when asked his views regarding the Scottish national pastime. "It took me some time to get on to the liang of it."

## PITCHER ACCORDING TO BEGIN TRAINING TO JIM M'GUIRE GEORGETOWN QUINT

Cleveland Would Gladly Mike Martin Will Assist Colliflower in Keeping Men in Form.

"Deacon Jim" McGuire, who will act Mike Martin, trainer of the Washas tutor to the Tiger pitchers and ingten ball club, will tomorrow take up catchers down South this spring, says the work of training the Georgetown in basketball team, according to an anthat Detroit has a future great Alexander Remenas, the big right-handnouncement made today by Manager Fortune. "If you harn't grabbed this big boy

Jim Colliflower will continue as coach, Cleveland would take him South this but will have the assistance of Marspring instead of Detroit," McGuire told tin in getting the men into the proper Frank Navin. "I went out and looked physical condition. Martin has had long him over, 'By George, there's one great experience as a trainer, and Fortune is pitcher and just the boy for Cleveland,' considered as fortunate in obtaining the I said, but when I interviewed the club owners, they told me that Detroit had the remaining games.

Already secured him.

"Remenas has a wide, free movement, jugton and Lee, and others are included services of such a man to help out for He stands nearly six feet two inches and weighs about 185 pounds. He has world of speed, and his good right arm is sure to hurl them across the plate in the American League this year."

#### Indianapolis Has Lost Three Wonderful Stars

Three crack pitchers who would now bring \$100,000 in cold cash have been let To Pursue Farming go by the Indianapolis club for a mere song. The three of them brought a total of \$750. Today-well, they cannot Del Howard, who at times covered be bought, that's all. The three men left field for the Boston National team, has quit the game. He has purchased are Grover Cleveland Alexander, the as farm in Oregon and says that from Phillies' star; "Buck" O'Brien, Jim Me-now on he will devote his time to Aleer's crack young Red Sox twirler, farming and will let baseball take care and Marty O'Toole, the Pittsburgh box artist, who cost his club just \$22,500.

In the minors Alexander pitched an overhand ball, and never seemed of Many hall players are taking to golf in the off season as a locans of keeping in good physical condition. Johnny McGraw and Cennie Mack conduct little tearneys among their men during the spring training exercises, a custom which may spread to other teams. much class. Infuring his arm he switchmuch class. Injuring his arm he switch-ed to an underhand delivery, and in-mediately began to rise. Today "Red" Dooin dotes on him. Marty O'Toole had several chances in

the big show before developing into a Cobb says that "Buck" O'Brien is the best young star developed in the American League in three years. And Billy Watkins got just \$750 for the trio.

#### Tomorrow's Sports Ball Players Leave Willie Hoppe in exhibition billiard Families In Poverty match at Leader Rooms.

Schedule meeting of directors of Thirty-four old-time ball players are reported to have died during the year Opening of third annual automo-1911, and out of that number all but two are said to have left their families in comparative want, some in abject Annual tournament of Nebraska poverty. Scores of former diamond State Checker Association opens at idols are today laboring for a meager existence. The harvest of deliars which they garnered during the heyday were squandered long ago, and lacking mental equipment for the professional or commercial world, a great many are compelled to fall back upon their only George Chip vs. Walter Coffey, 10 Dick Nelson vs. Jimmy Moriarity, resource-common labor.

### Ira Thomas Showing Two Ways of Signaling Pitchers



# AS EXPERT GOLFER

Takes Longer Stroke Than While Playing Base-

for the Detroit baseball club in the days

"I had considerable trouble the first day. I placed the ball on a tee and then started swinging. I was at a disadvantage because of my height. You see, the ball was farther away for me than for a number of the other players, and consequently harder to hit. I dug up the ground all around the ball, and on the sighth trial my hat broke. I dug up the ground all around the ball, and on the eighth trial my bat broke. It was harder to hit than any of Delbi's curves. Watching the ball to see that it did not curve, I just managed to scrape the top, and it rolled along for a few yards. After a while I got the hang of the thing, and could hit for many yards.

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"My chief trouble was that I would pull the ball too far to either right or left field. It would never stay in a straight line for the hole.

"My first few days on the diamond, I mean the links, confused me. When I would see the ball come instinctively I would raise my hands. It is a lucky thing for me that I did not caten one of the balls, for they whiz through the air at a great rate."

Dillon believes that golf is fine exercise for a baseball player. The walking—San Gabriel's links are three and one-half miles—does an athlete good, he says.

#### North Carolina Will Make Northern Trip

North Carolina's varsity nine will make a Northern trip this spring, meeting Virginia, Navy, Georgetown, Princeton, and West Point before returning to Chapel Hill, Four contests with Virginia mark the schedule, which is as

March 15-Oak Ridge at Chapel Hill. March 21-Lafayette at Chapel Hill. March 25-Wake Forest at Fayette-March 27-Swathmore at Chapel March 28—Swathmore at Chapel Hill. March 28—Swathmore at Chapel Hill. March 39—Davidson at Charlotte. April 2—Amherst at Chapel Hill. April 3—Amherst at Chapel Hill.

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April 23-Princeton at Princeton, N. April 24-Army at West Point, New York, April 27—Guilford at Chapel Hill. April 30—Georgia at Chapel Hill. May 1—Georgia at Chapel Hill. May 3—V. P. 1. at Chapel Hill.

#### Glaze Offers Field To Callahan's Team

Ralph Glaze, the old Dartmouth athlete and fortner player for the Red Sox, is coaching for Baylor University base-ball condidates. Glaze started his work several weeks ago and he expects a championship team. Glaze has offered his park to the Chicago White Sox this

What Ty Thinks.

"Baseball," says Cobb, "'s 50 per cent brain, 25 per cent eye, and 25 per cent arm and leg."

### **BOB THAYER'S SPORTING GOSSIP**

"EVERY KNOCK IS A BOOST."

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by stroke. In baseball I use a choppy enter the ring again and endeavor to stroke, and this made my stroke appear win back his laurels from the present funny. I have lengthened it, however, title-holder. Jeffries is too old to beand the fans may not be surprised to gin over again, no matter how much he see me using that kind of a swing at may despise Johnson. That Reno flasco, the ball this season. I certainly would despite the "inside story," remains in use it if a baseball would travel as far our memories and kills all chances of another battle between these two men.

That "stag" should be a hit.

is the latest to be sent to Fred Lake for polishing purposes. Frank Navin means to draw at least two promising youngsters every year from his minor league club.

"Red" Walker means business.

The foint indoor games in the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore next Saturday will enlist practically all of the field and track athletes of this city. Secretary French, of the Washington Cross-Country Club, is planning for a special car in order that all the squad travel together.

Carl Morris in a trial.

The dire need of a regular, all-theyear-round trainer at Georgetown was iemonstrated by that defeat of the relay team at Boston Saturday. The big-

Bowling Matches On Local Alleys Taking Place This Evening.

District League-Chamber of Commerce vs. Nationals. Mount Pleasant League-Kenyon vs. Columbia.

Railroad Y. M. C. A. League-Union Station vs. Shops. District League-Arlington vs. Hummers. National Capital League - Fat

Men vs. Bureau. Areade League-Argyles vs. Arcade Market. Carroll Council League-Colum-

bias vs. Ninas. Northeastern League-Bills vs. Atlantics. Commercial League - Tolman

Laundry vs. Woodward & Loth-Southern Ry. Clerks' League-Comptrollers vs. Traffic. Rurai Mail Clerks' League-

Quads vs. Treys. Navy Yard League-Erecting Shop vs. Western Gun Carriage

Westminster League-Reds vs. Whites, Blues vs. Greens. Remington League - Regals vs. Remticos.

Clark Griffith is in Chicago today, looking in on Boss Ban B. and getting a line on business to be carried on at the schedule meeting of the league. Capital fans can leave it to Griffith not to be left behind in any deals possible for the strengthening of the Nationals, but from where I am sitting, the maniger will return empty-handed.

Gest event on Georgetown's track schedule is the race with Virginia, a team that is being prepared from September to June, while the Blue and Gray's training season is limited from early in March. It's a better system rather than superior material that has been keeping the Orange and Blue in front.

See it, it was a curve.

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Today and tomorrow are big days for the billiardists of Washington. Willie Sports all over the land refuse to take seriously the tale that Jeffries means to enter the ring again and endeavor to enter the ring again and endeavor to repeated at the Leader, on Fourteenth street, during the next forty-eight hours.

Dixieland is calling.

Washington amateur baseball enthusiasts are interested in the meeting of the rules committee of the amateur commission which will be held some Detroit is using no half measures in day this week. The work of revising strengthening the Providence "farm." the code has been practically completed, Guy Tutweiler, the hard-hitting second and all that is now needed is ratificabaseman from the Cotton States League, tion of the alterations the committeemen have decided upon.

Griffith in Chicago.

Wilbert Robinson, the old-time Baltimore backstop, is being credited with making a winning pitcher of Rube Marquard, the Giants' crack southpaw. In his prime Robinson was a brainy, hardworking catcher, and since his joining the Giants a coach, he has been of wonderful service to the young pitchers under McGraw.

Midget races are the best.

It was unfortunate for Cooke, Virginia's crack miler, that he lost victory Saturday night at Convention Hall. His great form in the 1,000-yard event was noticed by all, and he was doped to take first place in the halfmile. He made his sprint too soon, however, and was just nosed out by George Law, who, by the way, ran a heady race.

Hilltop relay men back.

Carl Morris is to meet Jim Stewart n an elimination bout among the 'white hopes." Stewart is not much of a boxer. He carries a good punch, particularly in his right hand, but he is far from championship caliber. Morris has yet to defeat a good man, and until he does, the boxing fans of the country will refuse to consider him as a possibility for the title.

Letter here for Joe Turner, the wrest-

## Erect Behind Plate in Order to Keep to Front in Running-Kahoe's Famed Collar Button.

Nationals' Backstops May Try Experiment of Standing

SPEEDY CATCHERS

SQUATTING SLOWS

as to whether the catchers are to squat behind the plate or are to stand up in handling the pitchers,

In the opinion of many there is no nore antiquated feature in the game today than the plan which forces a backstop to rob himself of most of his speed by assuming an unnatural position on the theory that he can better

not likely to give his catchers any absolute orders until the season is about to begin. However, two of his trusty advisers at the present time are unalterably opposed to the manner in which the catchers have been doing their work, The pair is Mike Kahoe and Mike Mar-

"It's Dead Wrong." "I caught enough games while I was in the harness to convince me that this business of squatting down on the haunches to give signals is dead wrong," said Kahoe today. "According to figures, a catcher has to get down between 150 and 200 times a day when he is working, and in the case of doubleheaders twice that often. The strain is so severe that the legs soon stiffen up and then a man naturally loses all his speed long before his receiving falls off enough to get him out of the league. "There is absolutely no reason for the squat. In the old days when some batterles seemed to think they ought to have about a dozen signals it was somewhat different, but today good to the square are using but two signs to let somewhat different, but too signs to let the pitcher know what he is to pitch. Why these can't be given by a glance, the movement of a hand, or lifting of a foot, or by a dozen other methods, is something I have never understood. Used Collar Button.

"Once in a minor league when I was crippled, I could not get down but by the use of a collar button in the mouth It worked perfectly with the pitchers. If I shoved the button out it meant a fast ball, and if the pitcher could not see it, it was a curve.

One of the novel experiments to be Johnny Kling, Billy Sullivan and the tried out by the Washington club during its stay at the training camp at Charlottesville will be to reach a decision causes.

Muscles Affected.

"I have handled enough catchers to know where their weakness is, for it is invariably found in the muscles of the legs that are affected by this business of sitting on the haunches." That the Washington scout and trainer are correct in their views is indicated by the stolen base figures in tion on the theory that he can betters hide his signals from opposing batters and coachers.

Griffith admits that he has many leagues did not steal as many bases as either Ty Cobb or Bescher. Here is the dope:

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Catchers. Lapp ..... Nunamaker .... Stephens ... Marke ... Casey LEAGUE LEADER,

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Needham

## TO GET BERTH ON WHITE SOX CLUB

Goes to Waco Next Week Is Regular in Habits and With Jimmy Callahan's Team.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12 .- Joe Benz, of

this year, but even if it were Benz would have a good chance of sticking aboard.

The big right hander won the favor of President Comiskey by his showing in that nervous 8 to 7 battle between the Sox and Cubs. He was sent in as rescuer for Doc White, who, in his turn, had been hurried to the relief of Jim Scott. The Cubs had a large lead when Benz entered, but he held them at bay and gave the Sox a chance to catch up.

Walsh, Lange, Scott, and White are the only veteran pitchers on the Sox alist this year. Benz, Delhi, Mogridge, and Peters are the youngsters. It wouldn't be surprising if all of them were retained, but if a couple are let go Benz isn't likely to be one of the unfortunates.

Benz is still a young man and hasn't had a great deal of professional experience in baseball. His showing in the

Benz is still a young man and hasn't had a great deal of professional experience in baseball. His showing in the Western League last year was wonderful. He won ten games and lost ten, and the club he was working for, Des Moines, won forty-nine and lost 112

Benz is twenty-two years old and weighs 180. He is a six-footer.

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## SAM CRAWFORD AS CAPITAL PLAYER

Should Be Great Performer.

'Sam Crawford is not only a model Batesville, Ind., is going to Waco a baseball player, but he is a model week from next Thursday night in man," declares Ralph. Works, the De-Manager Callahan's first White Sox troit pitcher. "Sam isn't a shirk, squad to begin his fight for a regular neither is he a helter skelter. He isn't place on the South Side pitching staff. lazy, neither is he too ambitious. He Benz is almost sure to be kept on isn't a stay-at-home, neither is he a the Sox team through the regular sea- rounder. Sam is one of those fellows son. Manager Callahan's ship is not who go along at an even tenor, and, loaded to the guards with pitchers barring accidents, he should be just as this year, but even if it were Benz good a tascball player five or ten years

Charles Comiskey says he is thinking of putting an aquarian in his new White Sox park, so that on rainy days the fans will be able to go there to fish. He figures this would keep fans in the

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